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SUBJECT : PRESS ATTACK ON CONTRACT FOR SOVIET ENERGY PLANT
AT PHILIPPI

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1. FOLLOWING MAY 23 VISIT TO KAVALA BY ALT MIN OF COORD
ELIAS BALOPOULOS AND FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT THERE THAT CONTRACT
FOR SOVIET-BUILT ENERGY PLANT AT PHILIPPI PROBABLY CANCELLED
(REF A), 'ELLINIKOS VORRAS' OF MAY 25 CARRIED BANNER HEADLINE
AND FRONTPAGE REPORT ON ALLEGED GOG MISMANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL
LOSSES INVOLVED.

2. ACCORDING TO HEADLINE, '300 MIL DRS ALREADY PAID ON PEAT
PROJECT BY PUBLIC POWER CORPORATION (PPC) AS FOREIGN CURRENCY
ADVANCE TO SOVIET TECHNICAL FIRM'. TEXT ALLEGES THAT UNDER
APRIL 19, 1973 AGREEMENT WITH ENERGOMACHEXPORT
PPC PAID US DOLLARS 8.9 MIL IN FOREIGN CURRENCY AS ADVANCE ON
TOTAL US DOLLARS 89 MIL CONTRACT. REPORT CONTINUES THAT STATUS OF
ADVANCED PAYMENT NOW MAJOR FACTOR IN NEGOTIATIONS OVER CANCELLATION
OF PROJECT. PAPER ALSO URGES INVESTIGATION OF WHETHER POTENTIAL
US DOLLARS 8.9 MIL LOSS WAS RESULT OF MISMANAGEMENT OR DELIBERATE
DECISION IN LIGHT OF OIL STRIKE OFF THASSOS ISLAND.
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